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In re Patent No. 6,379,666
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Filed: December 11, 2000
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009(CIP)(DIVI

: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND
: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF
: CORRECTION

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 30, 2010 and supplemented on May 19, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), seeking to add a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to nonprovisional Application No. 09/275,070, filed March 23, 1999, by way of a certificate of correction.

The petition is granted.

A review of the file record fails to disclose that a claim for the benefit of priority to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional application was made within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and further failed to include a proper reference to the prior-filed application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(2)(iii).

The instant application was filed December 11, 2000. Therefore, since this application was filed after November 29, 2000, a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), along with submission of a Certificate of Correction, is the appropriate avenue of relief to accept a late claim for the benefit of priority to a prior-filed nonprovisional application after issuance of the application into a patent. *See MPEP 1481.*

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

As the petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

It is noted that a certificate of correction including the desired changes was issued on April 27, 2010. This decision formally grants the outstanding Rule 78(a)(3) petition and ratifies the prior issuance of the certificate of correction.

The Office acknowledges receipt of the \$1,410.00 surcharge fee, as well as the \$100 certificate of correction fee on March 30, 2010.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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CONFIRMATION NO. 6420

CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a DIV of 09/476,643 12/31/1999 PAT 6,177,077
which is a CIP of 09/275,070 03/23/1999 PAT 6,015,557
which is a CIP of 09/256,388 02/24/1999 ABN

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 11/02/2000

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 09/666,068**

Projected Publication Date: None.

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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